MADE TO DO SOMETHING."



RESIDENT LINCOLN SPENT MUCH OF HIS TIME VISITING
THE BIG ARMY OF OVER 100,000 MEN ENCAMPED BEHIND
ARLINGTON, ACROSS THE POTOMAC RIVER FROM WASHINGTON.
AGAIN AND AGAIN HIS AFTERNOON DRIVE WAS ACROSS THE
LONG BRIDGE TO THE ARMY



T WAS NOT ONLY AT CAMP THAT LINCOLN MET THE SOLDIERS. WASHINGTON WAS ALIVE WITH THEM AND THEY WERE NOT SLOW TO LEARN THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS EASY OF ACCESS—OFTEN FAR EASIER TO SEE THAN A DEPARTMENTAL CLERK WHO CAME FROM THEIR OWN PART OF THE COUNTRY.



ARMY WAS COING INTO WINTER QUARTERS, INSTEAD OF ADVANCING. AT LAST LINCOLN BECAME IMPATIENT. "IF GENERAL

MCCLELLAN DOESN'T WANT TO USE THE ARMY," HE SAID ONCE, "I SHOULD LIKE TO BORROW IT AND SEE IF IT CANNOT BE



UST WHEN EVERYBODY THOUGHT MCCLELLAN WAS COING TO ADVANCE. HE FELL ILL. THE PRESIDENT TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DO A LITTLE INVESTIGATING OF THE MILITARY SITUATION ON HIS OWN ACCOUNT. HE INTERVIEWED MANY OFFICERS TO GET THEIR VIEW OF THE STATE OF AFFAIRS.



OREOVER. HE DETERMINED TO MASTER MILITARY SCIENCE.
HE STUDIED THE REPORTS FROM THE VARIOUS FRONTS,
TALKED WITH EXPERIENCED OFFICERS AND SPENT HOURS
READING BOOKS ON MILITARY STRATECY.



HIS POWER AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMY, ISSUING
HIS GENERAL ORDER NO. 1—IT COMMANDED AN ADVANCE OF
ALL THE UNION FORCES ON FEBRUARY 22, WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY. BUT MCCLELLAN OPPOSED THE MOVE AND SUCCEEDED IN
DEFEATING IT. A LITTLE LATER NEWS CAME THAT THE CONFEDERATES HAD ABANDONED THE BATTERIES WHICH WERE TO HAVE
"THE

BEEN ATTACKED. MCCLELLAN, TO PROVE THAT THIS WAS NOT SO, ATTACKED, AND FOUND THEM EMPTY—EVEN THE CUNS THEY HAD LEFT BEHIND WERE OF PAINTED WOOD. THIS PROVED THE INFERIORITY OF THE ENEMY HE HAD SO FEARED AND ANGERED THE NATION—AND THE PRESIDENT. A FRIEND WHO INTERVIEWED HIM AT THIS MOMENT CAME AWAY TO SAY: "THE WAR WILL GO ON NOW. OLD ABE IS MAD."

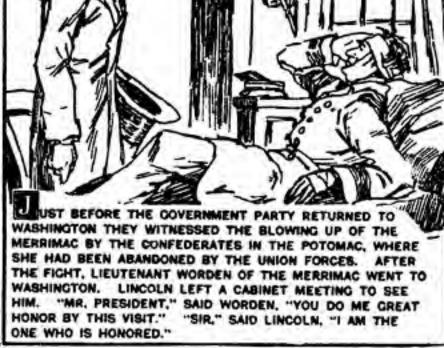


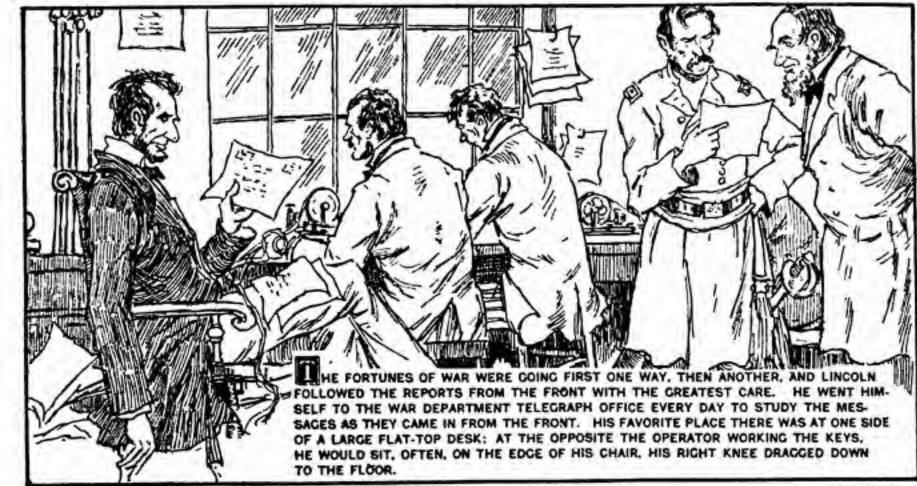
CCLELLAN, BRILLIANT ORGANIZER OF ARMIES, WAS A
HESITATING LEADER. BUT HE FINALLY ADVANCED, BY WATER,
FOWARDS RICHMOND. HIS FAILURE AFTER THREE MONTHS
TO TAKE THE CITY, WAS ALMOST HEART-BREAKING TO LINCOLN.

IN THE SPRING OF 1862, THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARIES STANTON AND CHASE WENT DOWN TO FORTRESS MONROE AND SPENT FIVE OR SIX DAYS GOING OVER THE FORTIFICATIONS AND THE CAMP.



HE PRESIDENT AND THE GENERAL HAD MANY CONFERENCES.
SIZING THINGS UP AND MAKING PLANS FOR FUTURE ACTIONS.
BUT MCCLELLAN'S MAIN INTEREST SEEMED TO BE IN A NONMILITARY PLAN HE HAD FOR GETTING THE NATION OUT OF
ITS DIFFICULTIES, AND LINCOLN RETURNED TO WASHINGTON
DISCOURAGED.







AND AS CONSTANTLY LONG TRAINS OF DEAD AND WOUNDED PASSED NORTH FROM THE BATTLE FIELDS, THROUGH WASHINGTON.



INCOLN ALWAYS LOVED CHILDREN. HE WOULD PLAY BALL

FOR AN HOUR AT A TIME ON THE BROAD LAWNS OF THE HOME

OF A FRIEND SEVEN MILES FROM WASHINGTON. THE CHILDREN

TOLD OF HOW LONG HIS STRIDES WERE, HOW HIS COAT TAILS STUCK OUT BEHIND HIM, AND HOW THEY TRIED TO HIT HIM WITH THE BALL AS HE RAN THE BASES. AND HE ENJOYED IT ALL AS MUCH AS THEY



OF HAPPINESS. HE WAS FULL OF ANECDOTES OF THEM.
ONE MORNING THE PRESIDENT MET A COMMISSION COME TO
DISCUSS THE WAR, WITH THE LAUGHING ANNOUNCEMENT
THAT THE WHITE HOUSE WAS IN A STATE OF FEVERISH EXCITE.
MENT. ONE OF THE BOYS HAD THAT MORNING ANNOUNCED
THAT THE CAT HAD KITTENS—THE OTHER THAT THE DOC
HAD PUPPIES.



IN FEBRUARY, 1862, BOTH BOYS BECAME DESPERATELY ILL.
LINCOLN WOULD SLIP AWAY FROM THE MOST IMPORTANT
WORK TO WATCH BY THEIR BEDS. EVERY NIGHT HE KEPT
VIGIL BY THEIR SIDES. ON THE TWENTIETH OF THE MONTH
WILLIE, THE OLDER OF THE TWO, DIED. THE PRESIDENT WAS
HEART-BROKEN, AND THOUGH HE QUICKLY PULLED HIMSELF
TOGETHER, THE BLOW AGED HIM GREATLY



FTER THE SAD DEATH OF WILLIE LINCOLN THE PRESIDENT DEVOTED HIMSELF ESPECIALLY TO LITTLE TAD, WHO USED OFTEN TO RIDE ABOUT THE WHITE HOUSE ON HIS FATHER'S SHOULDERS.



WHILE MOST IMPORTANT CONFERENCES WERE COING ON.
SOMETIMES HE WOULD FALL ASLEEP ON THE FLOOR AT HIS
FATHER'S FEET. AND WHEN THE CONFERENCE WAS OVER THE
PRESIDENT WOULD TENDERLY CARRY THE SLEEPING CHILD
OFF TO BED.



THE SUMMER WHILE HE WAS PRESIDENT, LINCOLN SPENT THE MIGHTS AT A COTTAGE AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME, A LITTLE NORTH OF THE CITY. TAD HAD SOME COATS AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME AND WHEN HE WAS AWAY WITH HIS MOTHER LINCOLN WROTE TO HIS WIFE: "TELL TAD THAT POOR NANNY GOAT IS LOST. THE GARDENER KEPT COMPLAINING THAT

SHE DESTROYED THE FLOWERS, SO WE BROUGHT HER DOWN TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND SHE DISAPPEARED." BUT LATER TAD WAS MADE HAPPY WITH A WHOLE FAMILY OF GOATS. WHEN HE WAS AWAY AGAIN WITH HIS MOTHER. LINCOLN TELEGRAPHED HIS WIFE: "TELL TAD THE GOATS AND FATHER ARE WELL—ESPECIALLY THE GOATS."